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## **FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

"The Sheriff shall keep and preserve the peace of his county"

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communication Commission  
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**EX PARTE OR LATE FILED**

Re: Ex Parte Communication  
WC Docket No. 12-375: Inmate Calling Services

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Floyd County Sheriff's Office hereby files an ex parte communication in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The Floyd County Sheriff's Office supports comments and reply comments filed by the National Sheriffs' Association in this proceeding. The purpose of this filing is to submit additional information specific to this office in support of NSA's position that Sheriffs must be allowed to recover their costs if ICS services are to continue to be widely available in jails.

Inmate calling is a discretionary service in our jail and it is allowed for the benefit of inmates and their families. If we are not permitted to recover costs associated with the provision of ICS service, then we can and may be forced to significantly limit or eliminate altogether access to ICS service and inmates are able to make calls 16 hours a day. Denying payments to jails or restricting such payments to levels that do cover our costs; will have the effect of reducing the incentive and ability to continue to allow ICS in this manner.

The Floyd County has been operating on a 2005 budget and is currently being reduced another 1.2 million because of tax levy shortfalls. The Floyd County Jail budget has not kept pace with actual costs over the years and with the additional shortfall in the general fund, we anticipate further budget cuts this year. In addition to security and administrative functions that must be maintained, there are programs for inmates that we are required to provide by law. If the cost of allowing ICS must compete with all other budget needs, it may not be funded. However, if the cost of allowing ICS has its own source of funding, it is less likely to be impacted by the budget process.

Accordingly, Sheriffs incur significant costs in allowing ICS in jails, and Sheriffs must be allowed to recover their costs to be able to allow ICS and to encourage the deployment of ICS in jails.

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